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A resolution was presented, and adopted, as follows:

"Resolved, That the Kansas Academy of Science have heard with profound sorrow of the sudden death of Linnaeus A. Thomas, a member of this Academy, well known and honored throughout the State as an earnest student of science, and a successful teacher of youth. We can only bow in humility at this visitation of Divine Providence, by which our beloved fellow-worker has been cut down in the midst of his usefulness, and we extend our sympathy to his stricken family."

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifteenth annual meeting was opened at Topeka, in the Senate Chamber, on the afternoon and evening of the 16th of November, 1882, and continued over the 17th and 18th.

In pursuance of a departure from precedent adopted at the fourteenth meeting of the Academy, one of the evenings was devoted to a social reunion. The second evening was occupied by Prof. H. S. S. Smith, of the State University, in a popular lecture upon "Comets, with especial reference to Comet 'B,' of 1882."

During the remainder of the session, in addition to the transaction of business hereinafter noted, the Academy listened to the presentation and discussion of the papers in the following programme: "The Coal Fields of Cherokee County, Kansas," E. Haworth. "Notes on the Golden Turkey," Prof. Geo. F. Gaumer. "Differences of Temperature due to Local Causes," Prof. J. T. Lovewell. "Fossil Wood," Robert Hay. "Two Rare Minerals," Prof. G. E. Patrick. "Report on the Work in Kansas Botany for 1882," Rev. J. H. Carruth. "Kansas Ethnography—I. Preliminary Notice," Dr. A. H. Thompson. "Additions to the List of Kansas Coleoptera," Prof. F. H. Snow. "Are there Igneous Rocks in Cherokee County, Kansas?" E. Haworth. "Notes on the *Heloderma suspectum* (Cope)," Prof. F. H. Snow. "List of Coleoptera taken in Gallinas Cañon, N. M., in 1882," Prof. F. H. Snow. "List of Lepidoptera taken in Gallinas Cañon, N. M., in 1882," Prof. F. H. Snow. "The Pictured Rocks of Pipe Creek," Silas C. Mason. "On some American Species of *Cyclops*," Prof. F. W. Cragin. "Observations on Comet 'B,' 1882," Prof. H. S. S. Smith. "Observations on the Nesting Habits of the Guillemots at Bird Rock," Col. N. S. Goss. "Protozoan Remains in Kansas Chalk," Prof. G. E. Patrick. "Las Vegas Mineral Waters," Prof. J. T. Lovewell. "Standard Time," Prof. H. S. S. Smith. "A Plea for our Little Birds," Col. N. S. Goss. "Pleistocene Foot-Prints," Col. Henry Inman. "Cremation," Dr. W. S. Newlon.

The following proceedings of the Academy are deemed of general interest: It was voted that each year hereafter it shall be the duty of the chairman of each commission to present a brief report upon the progress of his department of science during the year; and that the President shall deliver a public address on the evening of one of the days of the meeting at the expiration of his term of office.

The committee upon the Mudge monument, Messrs. Savage, Goodnow and Lovewell, presented, through Mr. Savage, their final report of receipts and disbursements, of which the following is a statement:

| RECEIPTS BY SUBSCRIPTIONS, MONUMENT FUND. | |
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| Manhattan..... | \$212 75 |
| Emporia..... | 42 50 |
| Junction City | 25 00 |
| State University..... | 100 00 |
| Mudge family..... | 100 00 |
| Academy of Science..... | 50 00 |
| Various, per Jos. Savage..... | 128 93 |
| Total monument fund | \$659 18 |
| Cost of monument..... | 650 00 |
| Balance in hands of the treasurer of the Academy, as permanent improvement fund..... | \$9 18 |
| RECEIVED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY LOT. | |
| Abilene..... | \$25 00 |
| Salina..... | 25 00 |
| Total..... | \$50 00 |
| Disbursed on improvements..... | 40 00 |
| Balance in hands of local committee for immediate use in further improvement..... | \$10 00 |

The election of officers for the year 1882-3, resulted as follows:

President: Dr. A. H. Thompson, Topeka.

Vice Presidents: J. R. Mead, Wichita; and Prof. G. E. Patrick, Lawrence.

Secretary: E. A. Popenoe, Manhattan.

Treasurer: R. J. Brown, Leavenworth.

The different commissions were then filled by the appointments given below.

Geology: O. H. St. John, Joseph Savage, and Robert Hay.

Mineralogy: Geo. S. Chase, G. E. Patrick, G. H. Failyer, J. C. Cooper, and Erasmus Haworth.

Chemistry: G. H. Failyer, G. E. Patrick, R. J. Brown, J. T. Lovewell, and H. E. Sadler.

Physics: J. T. Lovewell, H. S. S. Smith, and I. D. Graham.

Meteorology: F. H. Snow, J. T. Lovewell, G. H. Failyer, H. R. Hilton, and J. D. Parker.

Astronomy and Mathematics: H. S. S. Smith, J. T. Lovewell, E. Miller, and J. Lee Knight.

Botany: J. H. Carruth, E. N. Plank, and B. B. Smyth.

Zoölogy:

Entomology: E. A. Popenoe, F. H. Snow, and L. L. Dyche.

Ornithology: N. S. Goss, F. H. Snow, and C. P. Blachly.

Ichthyology: D. B. Long, F. H. Snow, and I. D. Graham.

Herpetology: F. W. Cragin and F. H. Snow.

Anthropology: A. H. Thompson, F. G. Adams, E. P. West, J. D. Parker, W. J. Griffing, and H. Inman.

Philology: D. H. Robinson, Geo. M. Stearns, and Geo. T. Fairchild.

Board of Curators: E. A. Popenoe, O. H. St. John, J. T. Lovewell, and F. H. Snow.

Publication Committee: J. T. Lovewell, Wm. Sims, and E. A. Popenoe.